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Title: **AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING  
AND REPRODUCTION  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed on January 02, 2008, of which this Reply is filed within the shortened three month statutory period for reply, please consider the following remarks and amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.